MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I ask whether the rule is that a prisoner can be interviewed only after three months after the prisoner entered the jail, or whether the rule is that the relations of the prisoner can interview him only once in three months.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The honourable member can himself refer to the rules.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: What I want to know is whether, according to the interpretation of the rule by the Government, the relations of the prisoner can interview him only if three months have elapsed after he entered the jail.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That is the view of the Jail Superintendent and Government do not think he is wrong.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Is that the practice?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That must be the practice. Government have no specific information on the point.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: On what basis was the application considered premature by the Government?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: As I said, Government referred the applicant to the Jail Superintendent, and it was the Jail Superintendent who held that the application was premature.

MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): ചീഫ് സെക്രട്ടറി ആ പെറ്റീഷനിൽ എന്തു തീരുമാനം ചെയ്തു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The Government gave an endorsement to Mr. Sankara Pillai that he might apply to the Jail Superintendent who is authorised under the rules to dispose of such petitions.

MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Thiruvella*): May I ask whether even before three months had elapsed after Mr. Narayana Pillai entered the jail any person was allowed to interview him, not a relation?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I claim notice.

Ambalapuzha-Alleppey road.

181. ***MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the Manager of the Ambalapuzha Motor Syndicate about the unsatisfactory condition of the Ambalapuzha-Alleppey road;

(*b*) if so, what it is;

(*c*) what action has been taken on the representation;

(*d*) whether any amount has been allotted for maintenance of that road for 1113; and

(*e*) if so, whether it has been spent and whether they have supervised the road just to know whether any work has been done?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) These do not arise in view of answer to question (*a*).

(*d*) Yes. Rs. 6000.

(*e*) The amount is being spent on usual maintenance works and the answer to the latter part is in the affirmative.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : With reference to part (*e*), may I know the approximate amount spent hitherto ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Rs. 6,000 a year.

Restoration of tanks in the Agasteswaram taluk.

182. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any amounts have been expended for restoration of tanks in the Agastisvaram taluk for the last five years ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the actual amounts expended each year for those five years ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *A statement is placed on the table.

Opening of branches of the Land Mortgage Bank.

183. *MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether representations have been received from the people of Neyyattinkara, Vilavankod, Kalkulam and Agasteswaram praying for the opening of branches of the Land Mortgage Bank in these taluks ?

*MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

Statement re patients in the District Hospital, Kottar.

184. *MR. D. FRANCIS : (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of patients fed, the cost of diet, etc., in the District Hospital, Kottar, from 1110 to 1112 ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Surgeon General*) : The †statement is placed on the table.

Rowdyism in Suramkudy Village.

185. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether one Arumugam Chettiyar in Eattamoly village in Dharmapuram pakuthy presented a petition in Chittrai or Vykasi 1113 to the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Nagercoil, stating that some rowdies in Suramkudy village made forcible capture of his goods when passing along the Kottar-Dharmapuram road; and

* Vide Appendix I p. 761.
† Vide Appendix II p. 761.

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